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Date: October 13, 1977

To: Director  
 Central Intelligence Agency

Attention: Deputy Director for Operations

FROM: *CMK*  
 Clarence M. Kelley, Director

Subject: *o* KONSTANTY ZYGFRYD HANFF  
 FOREIGN COUNTERINTELLIGENCE - POLAND

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Enclosed is copy of memorandum of Mr. Benjamin R. Civiletti, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, dated September 21, 1977, captioned "Request for Information Concerning Konstanty Zygfryd Hanff," in which Mr. Civiletti asks that we obtain from your Agency any information you may have on possible connections of Hanff with the "Polish Security Services." Also enclosed are copies of State Department telegram dated August 3, 1977, and Department of Justice correspondence dated August 22, 1977, and September 1, 1977, all dealing with Hanff. (C)

As indicated in Mr. Civiletti's memorandum, the Department of Justice is attempting to prosecute Hanff for violation of certain naturalization statutes and through the State Department has attempted to obtain the cooperation of the Polish Government in an effort to develop background information on Hanff. Speculation has arisen that the Polish Government does not desire to cooperate in this matter because the Polish Ministry of the Interior may have vetoed any such cooperation, thus creating the impression Hanff may have had, or possibly does have, an association with Polish intelligence. (C)

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1. MEMO FROM CIVILETTI
2. MEMO FROM FISKE
3. MEMO FROM WILKINS
4. WARSAW-5401

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Central Intelligence Agency

As you are aware, Hanff, born in Czestochowa, Poland, on November 2, 1926, has been the subject of prior correspondence between this Bureau and your Agency. It is requested that you provide this Bureau expeditiously any information you may possess regarding any possible connection of Hanff with Polish intelligence so that we may transmit your reply to the Department of Justice at an early date. (C)

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## memorandum

DATE:

September 21, 1977

REPLY TO:

ATTN OF:

Benjamin R. Civiletti  
Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

SUBJECT:

Request for Information Concerning  
Konstanty Zygfryd HanffBRC:PW:LWC:emc  
182-70TO: The Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

As the attached documents show, the Government of Poland has inexplicably refused to render assistance in our efforts to prosecute Hanff for a violation of 18 U.S.C. 1425, for attempting to procure naturalization contrary to law, as well as 18 U.S.C. 1015(a), false statements under oath in a matter relating to naturalization, and 18 U.S.C. 1001. Since it appears from Ambassador Davies' telegram that the source of the non-cooperation may be the Polish Security Services, there is reason to believe that Hanff may be an agent of the Polish Security Services. Please request the Central Intelligence Agency to provide you with whatever information it may have on this subject and furnish us with any information the Bureau may have as well.

Attachments

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ADDRESS REPLY TO  
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United States Department of Justice

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

ONE ST. ANDREW'S PLAZA

NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10007

September 1, 1977

Lawrence W. Chamblee  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C. 20530

Re: United States v. Hanff  
Your Ref.: PW:LWC  
39-51-4627

Dear Mr. Chamblee:

This letter is written at the request of Assistant United States Attorney Harry C. Batchelder, Jr., in response to your letter dated August 22, 1977, and the enclosures therein.

Although the State Department correspondence is disheartening, the cooperation of the Polish Government in the Hanff case would not only be extremely useful in the prosecution but would appear to offer significant benefits to the Polish Government itself and Security Services. For example, a document in the possession of this office indicates that Hanff, though born in Poland, petitioned to become an ethnic German in 1942. While Hanff claims he cooperated with the Polish underground during the war, Mr. Batchelder advises me that the evidence in fact establishes his full cooperation with the Nazis during that period. Thus, the Polish Government and Security Services could hardly be embarrassed by cooperating in the prosecution of a former citizen who in effect denied his Polish nationality and who, while in the United States, has ostensibly conducted a campaign against Polish Governmental interests.

We request that these unique facts be brought to the attention of Ambassador Davies so that one last effort can be made to exhaust the possibilities for Polish cooperation.

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Lawrence W. Chamblee

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September 1, 1977

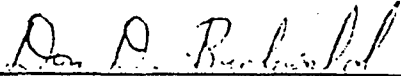
The State Department's note also raises a question in our minds as to the precise role Hanff is playing or has played in this country with the Polish Security Services. Hence, we also request that the Department query both the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency as to any information they have as to Hanff's associations.

We appreciate your continued assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT B. FISKE, JR.  
United States Attorney

By:

  
DON D. BUCHWALD  
Deputy Chief, Criminal Division

PW:LWC:emc  
39-51-4627

AUG 22 1977

Typed: 8/19/77

Honorable Robert B. Fiske, Jr.  
United States Attorney  
Southern District of New York  
New York, N.Y. 10007

Attention: Mr. Harry C. Batchelder, Jr.  
Assistant United States Attorney

Re: United States v. Hanff

Dear Mr. Fiske:

With reference to our long-standing request to the Government of Poland for information concerning the subject, we have received the enclosed telegram from the United States Embassy in Warsaw. It appears that the Embassy has been diligent in pursuing our request, but for reasons which we are unable to ascertain, the Polish Government is unwilling to cooperate.

We have discussed this case with the State Department and are unable to formulate an approach to overcome the Polish Government's resistance to our request. If you have any ideas on this matter, we would like to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

PHILIP WILENS, Chief  
Government Regulations and  
Labor Section  
Criminal Division

cc: Records  
Chamblee ✓  
Morris  
Section

By:

LAWRENCE W. CHAMBLEE  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L WARSAW 5401

E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: CGEN (HANFF, KONSTANTY ZYGFYD ET AL)  
SUBJ: JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE: WAR-CRIMES INVESTIGATIONS

REF: STATE 155565 AND PREVIOUS

1. IT SEEMS CLEAR TO ME THAT THE POLES HAVE DECIDED NOT TO COOPERATE WITH US ON THE HANFF INVESTIGATION NOR ON OTHER WAR-CRIME CASES WE HAVE RAISED WITH THEM. SINCE JULY, 1976, WE HAVE DELIVERED SEVEN NOTES TO THE MFA REQUESTING INFORMATION ON HANFF, STEFURAK, BROSHUIT, WALUS, BIZUSKY, DEMJANJUK, FEDORENKO, AND ARTISHENKO. ONLY TWO OF THESE NOTES (BROSHEIT AND WALUS) HAVE BEEN ANSWERED (76 WARSAW 6110 AND WARSAW 3991), WITH NEGATIVE FINDINGS IN BOTH CASES.

2. I HAVE RAISED THIS MATTER WITH MFA VICE MINISTER SPASOWSKI ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. OUR LAST DISCUSSION WAS AUGUST 2, WHEN I SHOWED HIM COPIES OF ALL OUR UNANSWERED NOTES AND EXPRESSED MY DISAPPOINTMENT AND PUZZLEMENT AT THE GOP'S FAILURE TO RESPOND. IN HIS REPLY, SPASOWSKI SPOKE ONLY OF THE HANFF CASE. HE WAS UNABLE TO TELL ME THE REASONS FOR HIS GOVERNMENT'S FAILURE TO COOPERATE WITH US. BY GESTURE AND ALLUSION, HE CONVEYED THE IMPRESSION THAT ANOTHER ELEMENT OF THE POLISH GOVERNMENT (I.E., THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR) HAD VETOED ANY COOPERATION WITH US. HE COULD OFFER NO EXPLANATION OF THIS, NOR ANY HOPE THAT WE WOULD RECEIVE ANY INFORMATION OR COOPERATION IN THE FUTURE. HE GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT, FOR HIS PART, HE HOPED WE WOULD QUIT TRYING.

3. COMMENT: SPASOWSKI MAY BE CONVEYING AN ACCURATE IMPRESSION WHEN HE INTIMATES THAT POLAND'S SECURITY SERVICES ARE BALKING AT COOPERATING WITH US. THIS LEAVES THE QUESTION WHY THEY ARE REFUSING TO ASSIST IN AN EFFORT WHICH, ON THE FACE OF IT, WOULD SEEM TO BE IN THE GOP'S INTEREST. I HAVE NO RECOMMENDATIONS ON WHAT TO DO NEXT, EXCEPT TO URGE THAT WE CITE THIS UNRESPONSIVENESS EVERY TIME THE EXPRESSION "WAR CRIMES" OR "WAR CRIMINAL" IS UTTERED BY A POLISH OFFICIAL.

4. PARTICULARLY PUZZLING IS THE MFA'S FAILURE TO HELP US SECURE INFORMATION WHICH COULD BE USED AGAINST HANFF. AS THE DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL, THE POLES PROTESTED LOUDLY AND OFTEN HIS ACTIVITIES UNDER THE LABEL "FREE POLAND" AND REQUESTED THAT WE PROSECUTE HIM. WHEN WE ASK FOR THEIR HELP IN OBTAINING EVIDENCE ON THE BASIS OF WHICH WE COULD DO THIS, THEY REFUSE TO HELP. THIS REFUSAL RAISES IN MY MIND A QUESTION ABOUT HANFF'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE POLISH SECURITY SERVICES. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY INFORMATION THE DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE ON THIS SUBJECT. END COMMENT.  
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